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“Raging Waters” Defendant Sentenced to Over Eleven Years for Drug Offense

Savannah, Ga.. Edmund A. Booth, Jr., United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, announced that Michael Jamaal Ferguson, age 22, of Savannah, Georgia was sentenced to 135 months imprisonment in U.S. District Court in Savannah, Georgia by U.S. District Judge B. Avant Edenfield for the offense of possession with intent to distribute cocaine. This sentence is more than eleven (11) years imprisonment; there is no parole in the federal system. Ferguson was also ordered to pay a fine of \$7,200. He will be under court supervision for five years following his release from prison.

Ferguson is the brother of James “Murdock” Ferguson, a former star basketball player at Savannah High School in the late 1990's, who was shot and killed on January 2, 2007. The cocaine charge arose from the execution of a search warrant at an apartment unit used by Ferguson in Hitch Village in Savannah on February 23, 2007. Booth commented that this prosecution is part of the “Raging Waters” investigation into gun and drug violence in Savannah.

The “Raging Waters” investigation of drug and gun violence in Savannah is being conducted by the Savannah Chatham Metropolitan Police Department, the Chatham-Savannah Counter

Narcotics Team, and the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). The United States was represented by Assistant United States Attorney Karl Knoche.

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